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## **ETEXT ATTACHMENT**

Massachusetts Republican Party C00042622

RE: Amended November 2003 Manthly Report (10/1/03 - 10/31/03) received 4/20/04

In response to FEC letter, we have amened the report again to clarify the following issues:

1) Identification of Individuals who contribute in excess of \$200 in a calendar year:

As required by FEC regulations, and previously stated, we follow the standard procedure:

We ask for employer/occupation information at the time the contribution is solicited by having the information requested directly on the invitation. At the end of every month (30 days), we send a request letter by US mail to the home address of all contributors who have not provided employer/occupation information asking for the information. The contributor is asked to fax, email, or reply by mail with the information. If received, the information is entered into our database and the report is amended. As stated in our original, and amended reports, and in previous Form99, all employer/occupation information that we have has been filed. We have no additional information.

## 2)Contributions from non-FEC registered PACs:

We have begun the process to transfer contributions from the Political Action Committees/Candidate Committees requested. We have reviewed all contributions, and they are perfectly legal contributions that can be accepted by our non-Federal account. We will transfer the money within 30 days of being notified by the FEC and that transfer will appear in the next FEC report we file.

- 3) Clarification of "Fundraising Expenses", Tickets for Fundraiser", "Fundraising Event", and "Catering Event: These expenditures were expenses associated for fundraisers to benefit the Mass. Republican Party. No federal candidates were a part of any of the events, otherwise we would have reported it on the appropriate Schedules B, E or F, as specified in FEC regulations. All expenditures on this report are made to benefit our STATE PARTY, and are non-FEA activity.
- 4) Clarification of "Administrative Support", "General Consulting Services", "Professional Fees: Consulting":

  These expenditures are exactly as stated- expenses associated with administrative support activities (answer phone, type, fax, etc), and expenses associated with having experts and professionals provide us with counsel during internal meetings. These activities meet 11CFR104.3(b)(3). Non of the activity was electioneering communications involving federal candidates. (Otherwise, we would have complied with FEC rules and reported it on the appropriate Schedules B, E, or F) We have amended our report to try and make this as clear as possible.
- 5) Clarification of "Reimbursement Expenses" and "Reimbursement-Meeting Expenses"

  These expenditures are exactly as stated-reimbursement to staff members for office supplies, internal Party meeting supplies (pens, paper, etc.) that they paid for out of their own pocked for expediency. All are legitimate expenditures, and did not involve any FEA activity, nor activity involving federal candidates. We have amended our report to try and make this as clear as possible.